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Time to play: Neighborhood parks opening for summer

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MARKETING COORDINATOR

Just in time for summer the Parks & Recreation Department will open four new parks to help you soak in the sun and catch a breath of fresh air.

Frisco's growing parks portfolio now covers 392 acres of developed parkland including 20 neighborhood parks, three community parks, three special purpose parks and two mini-parks.

Beavers Bend Park is located along Legacy Drive, north of Lebanon Road. This 26-acre nat-

ural park features many native grasses, a play structure, a picnic pavilion and a hike and bike trail.

Falcons Field Park is located on 10-acres adjacent to Boals Elementary School in northwest Frisco. This park features a walking trail, a playground structure, a picnic pavilion, and a multi-purpose court.

J.R. Newman Park is a nine-acre neighborhood park with many kid-friendly features. Your family will enjoy the "Kiddie Korral" play structure, spray ground and picnic pavilion. J.R.

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Little cowboys and cowgirls welcome at the Kiddie Korral now open at J.R. Newman Park. The play and spray ground is located next to Sparks Elementary on Otis Drive in the West Falls Village subdivision.

SMART ABOUT SUMMER

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The miniature Frisco townscape is used by the Frisco Fire Department to teach students about bicycle, pedestrian and motor vehicle safety. Frisco Fire Safety Town is open to the public for tours, Monday through Friday, from 2 - 5 p.m. Located at the intersection of Main Street and Gary Burns Drive, Frisco Fire Safety Town tours feature a hands-on, educational experience and lots of fun! Look inside for information on tours and educational programs.

May and June-Important Months for Frisco

The next two months are going to be very important for our city and its continued growth and prosperity. The 80th Legislative Session will be coming to and end as State Senators and Representatives make decisions on more than 5,000 bills filed in the House and Senate. There will wind up being major legislative decisions made in the last week that will have important impacts on our cities and counties, as well as individual citizens as our legislators work to approve a budget and pass bills they feel are most important for the people of Texas.

On May 12 we will hold our general election and two, new council members will be elected. This is the time of year when "Meet the Candidate" events are taking place. You



Mayor's Message

Mike Simpson

have the opportunity to hear from each of the six candidates on what they see are the key issues facing the city, as well as how they recommend these issues be handled in the future. It is very important you become knowledgeable of the platforms of each candidate and

you vote and encourage others to do the same.

Over the next three years, this entire City Council will turn over due to the term limit provisions of our City Charter. Many residents new to Frisco do not know about this provision that limits our terms to six years. This year, Mayor Pro-tem Maher Maso and Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Bob Allen go off the council. In 2008, council members Jim Joyner, Matt Lafata and I will retire from the council. Finally in 2009, council members Joy West and Tony Felker will be at term limits. As you can see, it will be up to you, our citizens, to determine the representation who will take our city to the next level and implement our award winning Comprehensive Plan.

In past years, as few as 8 - 10 % of our reg-

istered voters have cast ballots and determined who sits on the city council. There was no election in 2006, as both incumbents up for reelection were unopposed. In 2005, when we had a mayoral election, two council members up for re-election and two major charter propositions were being considered, the election was decided by 14.39% of the registered voters. As you can see, Frisco has a relatively low voter turn-out. I urge you to exercise your right to vote and help decide who will lead our city in the future.

Activity in Austin

In the past few weeks, George Purefoy, City Manager; Maher Maso, Mayor Pro-tem

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Make a Difference with your Vote

Early voting is underway and continues through Tuesday, May 8. Frisco voters are choosing two new council members to represent the community. Places 2 and 4 on the Frisco City Council are open. All council seats are "at large" positions.

The general election is Saturday, May 12. Registered voters must cast their ballots at their designated polling place. Bring your voter registration card or any other official form of identification.

Need more information about elections? Call the Office of the City Secretary at 972-292-5010, or e-mail NParker@friscotexas.gov.

For county voting questions please contact the Collin County Elections Administrator at 972-547-1990, or search the Internet at <http://www.collincountytexas.gov/elections/index.jsp>

Call the Denton County's Elections Administrator at 972-434-8832, or go online to <http://elections.dentoncounty.com/go.asp?Dept=82>

Election Day Polling Locations

Frisco Precinct 1 — Denton County
Precincts 117 and 131

Pioneer Heritage Middle School
1649 High Shoals

Frisco Precinct 2 — Collin County
Precincts 30, 92, 109, 111 and 116

Staley Middle School
6927 Stadium Lane

Frisco Precinct 3 — Collin County
Precincts 14, 38, 87, 89, 101, 117, 118,
126, 127, 134, 135 and 146

West Middle School
12293 Shepherd Hills

Parks & Recreation wins Gold Medal Award for Excellence

The Texas Recreation & Park Society (TRAPS) selected the Frisco Parks & Recreation Department as the winning city for their 2006 Gold Medal Award for Excellence in Parks and Recreation Management.

The Gold Medal Award honors one municipal parks and recreation organization in the state for each designated population category.

"Frisco is honored to be recognized by our peers for providing a

quality, well-rounded, comprehensive parks and recreation program for our citizens, guests and business community," says Rick Wieland, Parks & Recreation Director.

"Our citizens and our city's executive management team have established a progressive vision for our entire city. Our department is grateful to be able to contribute towards making Frisco a destination city."

Lange named Frisco's assistant city manager

The City of Frisco has promoted Nell Lange to Assistant City Manager.

Lange began serving the city in her new role on April 16.

Since 2001, Lange has been Director of Administrative Services. Her duties have included managing the city's Finance, Purchasing, Municipal Court and Revenue Collection divisions. As Assistant City Manager, Lange continues to oversee those divisions, as well as Downtown Revitalization, Community Development Block Grants, Risk Management, Budget Administration and Facilities.

"I am very excited about the move and look forward to new challenges," said Lange. "I'm honored the City Manager, as well as the Mayor and Council, recognize the leadership skills I bring to compliment their vision for the city and its future. I'm very appreciative of their confidence in my abilities."

George Purefoy, City Manager, said Lange's professionalism, character and hard work earned her the promotion.

"Nell works as hard as anyone I've ever been around," said Purefoy. "Her tireless efforts on behalf of Frisco have paid big dividends in regards to the quality



Nell Lange

of the city's budgets and financial reporting. I'm confident Nell will be even more of an asset to Frisco in her new position."

The City of Frisco has been awarded the Government Financial Officers Association (GFOA) Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting every year since 2000, including five years consecutively under Lange's direction.

This year, the city's

Purchasing Division was recognized for Achievement in Excellence in Procurement from the National Purchasing Institute.

Prior to Lange's hire in Frisco, Lange worked as Director of Administration for the Arlington-based North Central Texas Council of Governments. Lange also worked as Director of Finance for the City of McKinney and Senior Accountant for the City of La Porte, Texas.

Lange holds a bachelor's degree in Business Administration in Accounting from Lamar University. She also has completed master's courses in Public Administration at the University of North Texas.

Lange serves as the Vice President of the TexStar Local Government Investment Pool. She has also served as past president of the Government Finance Officers Association of Texas and is a member of the national organization, as well. Her other professional affiliations include Leadership McKinney and the Texas Association of Regional Councils.

Lange replaces Jason Gray, who left in February to take a job as City Administrator in the City of Celina, Texas.

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and I have been to Austin to testify and meet with our state legislators on bills important to Frisco. We have met with our representatives on the S.H.-121 issue and to express our concerns about the award of the S.H. 121 contract to Cintra with a Comprehensive Development Agreement. We feel this decision is not a good business deal for the North Texas area. Our concerns continue to be the toll rate, the escalation of toll rate and the payment of excess tolls provision. We have been consistent in our approach that more payments should be made over time versus up front, as we will have huge needs for roads 10-20 years from now as we continue to grow in Frisco and Collin and Denton Counties.

We also attended a presentation by the Partners in Mobility to the Texas Transportation Commission. A panel of members of the North Central Texas Council of Governments, the Regional Transportation Council, rail providers from DART, the "T" and Denton County Transit Authority (DCTA) and others, presented growth statistics and solutions dealing with all facets of mobility programs. All of the presentations were aimed at decreasing congestion, enhancing economic development, decreasing air pollution, increasing safety and providing for road and rail solutions to take us into 2030. It's a fact that no

matter how many roads we build, it will not solve our transportation congestion problems or allow us to meet our air quality standards. It will take a seamless Regional Rail program to also help us meet these needs. To that end, I have been a member of a Regional Rail Working Group that has been meeting for more than a year to provide recommendations for state legislation that will help us bring rail to Frisco, Allen, McKinney and cities throughout the DFW area.

Regional Rail Initiative

Back when the 79th Texas Legislature was in session, House Bill 2702 was passed establishing a "Regional Transit System Review Committee". This committee's job was to present legislators a recommendation as to how we might create a funding source allowing for a seamless, regional rail system and provide a way for non-rail cities to obtain rail. The committee met for more than 15 months and was comprised of four Senators, seven State Representatives, nine County Judges or Commissioners; four transit city representatives; six non-transit city representatives and a member of the Dallas Regional Mobility Coalition, the Tarrant Regional Transportation Coalition and the Regional Transportation Council. These 33 representatives, along with

all three rail providers, came up with a resolution that became a tri-party agreement agreed to by DART, the "T" and DCTA. In addition 100 cities, businesses and civic organizations have all passed resolutions supporting the agreement. This agreement would provide cities that have a portion of their sales tax committed to rail, to have it exempted from the current 8.25% total sales tax. It would also allow a city like Frisco to increase its sales by as much as 1% to obtain rail and a city like Plano to have an additional 1% for economic development or other uses. In Frisco's case, we may be able to only go up .5% and provide an additional .5% from another method.

Never before have so many cities, counties, Chambers of Commerce and regional organizations come together in a total support of this plan. The approval of the proposed legislation would require a local option election in each city, so it would still be up to our citizens to vote to have the additional sales tax to support rail. We are simply asking our state legislators to give us the opportunity to have these elections.

With the support of their mayors and councils, I have been representing the cities of Frisco, Allen, Fairview, Melissa, McKinney, Murphy and Wylie. These cities and their Chambers support this approach. We will

aggressively seek the support of our legislators.

Roads

We continue to work with TxDOT to find ways to improve the projected completion of the state roads in our city. These include S.H. 121, F.M. 423, F.M. 2934 (Eldorado Pkwy.), S.H. 289 (Preston Rd.) and Main Street (which is formerly known as F.M. 720 and now called F.M. 3537, between Preston and Custer Roads). Eldorado Parkway is a key concern of many of our citizens, as well as city staff and all of us on council. The residential and commercial development in that area was approved based on projected completion dates provided by the city and TxDOT. Delays have created concern and we are meeting with TxDOT to see what can be done short term while the road is being constructed to a six lane, divided road. The Dallas North Tollway is still on target for opening in September of this year.

We thank you for your patience and understanding as we work through our issues on our state roads.

Sincerely,
Mike Simpson
Mayor

Summer Classes:

Dive into outdoor pool season



Get ready to splish and splash. The City of Frisco Municipal Outdoor Pool will open for the 2007 summer season starting Saturday, May 26. The Municipal Outdoor Pool is located at the corner of Maple and Mimosa streets in downtown Frisco. The outdoor pool season runs from May 26 to August 19.

Planning to swim a lot this summer? Season pool passes are available for \$25 per person. Or purchase one for the entire family for \$60.

You can buy a pass beginning May 1 at the Alumni Hall Fitness Center at the Collin County Community College Preston Ridge campus. You can also buy passes at the Municipal Outdoor Pool during public swim hours after May 26.

On Monday, May 28 come

enjoy a special day at the pool with music, games, prizes and more! Regular pool admission applies for this event.

The Parks & Recreation Department will also be holding a Swimming Safety Safari for children ages 3 to 5, Friday, May 25 from 10 a.m. to noon. This event is designed to teach simple and basic water safety rules to young children. City of Frisco lifeguards, water safety instructors and staff will teach the classes. The event is \$10 per person and pre-registration is required by May 16. Registration is available at the Alumni Hall Fitness Center located at 9700 Wade Blvd.

For pool hours and information on other special events taking place at the Municipal Outdoor Pool, please visit our website at www.FriscoFun.org.



Frisco Fire Safety Town

Frisco Fire Safety Town is devoted to children of all ages, with a particular focus on students in Kindergarten through fifth grade. Since January, more than 5,000 elementary students have received safety training.

The topics covered include: introduction to emergency services, motor vehicle instruction, pedestrian and school bus safety, fire and burn prevention, bicycle and pedestrian safety, severe weather and disaster preparedness, and Internet safety & awareness. Classes vary for each age group, and they will build upon the prior year's safety education.

The curriculum for each grade level focuses on four core areas of instruction: prevention, preparing, recognizing unsafe situations or behaviors, and



responding appropriately to a situation. Classes have a formal classroom presentation, followed by a hands-on example of the safety topic.

During the school year daily safety education classes are dedicated to elementary school students. Along with Frisco I.S.D. stu-

dents, all private and home schooled elementary-aged children in Frisco are encouraged to attend a yearly safety education class. Daycares and community groups have the opportunity to visit Frisco Fire Safety Town during scheduled summer sessions.

Tours of Frisco Fire Safety Town are also available. Schedule a class or tour by calling 972-292-6350, or visit our website at www.friscofire.com. Follow the Safety Town link and download registration forms.

CPR Classes

The Frisco Fire Department offers cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) classes twice each month free of charge to Frisco residents and those employed here. Fire Department personnel certified as CPR instructors by the American Heart Association provide instruction. The CPR techniques cover infants, children and adults, and how to assist someone who is choking.

The four-hour classes are typically held the first and third Wednesday of each month. The next few classes are scheduled for May 2 and 16, as well as June 6 and 20. Class size is limited to 20 participants, so please call Central Fire Station at 972-292-6300 to make reservations.

First Aid Classes

The Frisco Fire Department also offers American Heart Association Heartsaver First Aid Courses as companion courses to CPR training. The classes on June 16 and August 11 are free of charge to Frisco residents and those employed by the city. Instruction covers a general background in simple first aid concepts. Classes are limited to 30 participants. Call Central Fire Station at 972-292-6300 to make reservations.

Future Firefighters

The Frisco Fire Department will host a Junior Citizen's Fire Academy Class the week of June 11 through 15.

Modeled after the highly successful Citizen's Fire Academy classes, the week's activities include classroom instruction from firefighters and hands-on activities. These include CPR and basic first aid training, a firefighter physical ability challenge, fire extinguisher training, and a vehicle extrication demonstration.

The class is open to boys or girls ages 14 and up who live in Frisco or have parents who work in Frisco.

For more information, visit our website www.friscofire.com.

Monthly Project Update

1 CR 712 (Frisco Street to North County Road)

Scope: Complete four-lane roadway (Frisco Street to RR Crossing) and two-lane roadway (RR Crossing to North County)

Estimated date for design completion is July 2007.

2 DNT Phase 3 Section XI-N

Scope: Construction of main lanes of the DNT from Gaylord Parkway to Platinum Parkway.

Estimated date lanes will open to traffic is September 2007.

3 DNT Phase 3 Section XII-N

Scope: Construction of main lanes of the DNT from north of Eldorado Parkway to US 380. Project also includes construction of the southbound service roads from Eldorado Parkway to US 380.

Estimated date lanes open to traffic is September 2007.

4 DNT Phase 3 Section XII-S

Scope: Construction of main lanes of the DNT from Platinum Parkway to north of Eldorado Parkway. The project also includes construction of the southbound service roads from Main Street to Eldorado Parkway.

Estimated date lanes open to traffic is September 2007.

5 Eldorado Pkwy (DNT to Preston Road)

Scope: Construct the northern two lanes. This will complete four lanes of an ultimate six lane roadway with a median. Construction includes three lanes of the overpass at the BNSF RR. Landscaping, irrigation, and street lighting are included in this project.

Estimated date for design completion is August 2007.

6 FM 2934/Eldorado Parkway (DNT to FM 423)

Scope: Replace existing two-lane asphalt roadway with a six-lane concrete roadway and median.

Land acquisition for the road widening is underway.

7 FM 3537 Improvements (Custer to Preston)

Scope: Replace existing two-lane asphalt roadway with a six-lane concrete roadway and median.

Estimated date of design completion is March 2008.

8 FM 423 Improvements (Eldorado Parkway to Stewart Creek)

Scope: Replace existing two-lane asphalt roadway with six-lane concrete roadway with median, curb, and gutter. Completion of design is pending TxDOT approval.

Estimated bid date is September 2007.

9 FM 423 Improvements (US 380 to Eldorado Parkway)

Scope: Replace existing two-lane asphalt roadway with six-lane concrete roadway with median, curb, and gutter.

Estimated date for completion of design is September 2007.

10 Independence Parkway (SH 121 to Main Street)

Scope: Construct the western two lanes of Independence Parkway from SH 121 to Rolater and four lanes from Rolater to Main Street. This will complete four lanes of an ultimate six lane divided roadway.

Estimated completion date for construction is February 2008.

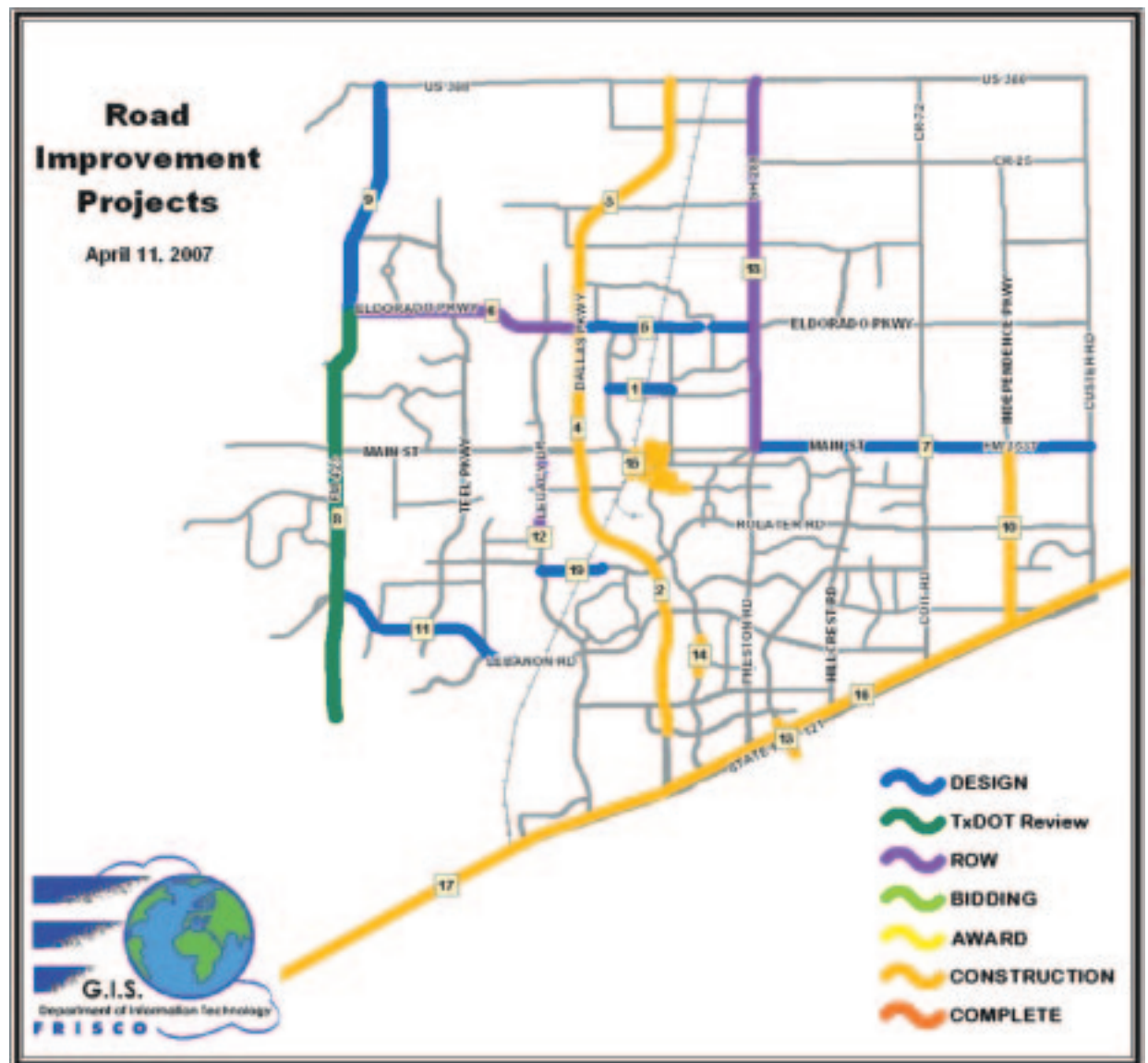
11 Lebanon (Village - FM 423)

Scope: Construct the southern two lanes of Lebanon Road from Village to FM 423 including a three lane bridge at Stewart Creek. This will complete four lanes of an ultimate six lane divided roadway.

Estimated date for design completion is June 2007.

12 Legacy Drive (Citation to Main Street)

Scope: Construct the eastern three lanes. This will provide a six lane roadway in this section. Landscaping, irrigation, and street lighting are included in this project.



The design is complete. The estimated bid date is June 2007.

13 Ohio Overpass (SH 121)

Scope: Ohio Drive overpass at SH 121

Estimated date for completion of construction is October 2007.

14 Parkwood Drive (Lebanon to Warren)

Scope: Construction of the two western (southbound) lanes including landscape, irrigation, and street lighting.

Estimated completion of construction is October 2007.

15 Selected Old Town Streets

Scope: Reconstruction of the following streets to concrete with curb and gutter:

- First Street (West Main south to Ash)
- Third (Oak north to Maple)
- Third (Main south to Ash)
- Fourth (Main north to Maple)
- Sixth (Maple south to Hickory)
- Pecan (Fifth to Seventh)
- Hickory (Fifth to Courtyard Dr)

Estimated completion of construction is July 2008.

16 SH 121 Freeway (DNT to Hillcrest)

Scope: Construct main lanes on SH 121 from the DNT to Hillcrest.

Estimated completion of construction is October 2007.

17 SH 121 Freeway (FM 544 to DNT)

Scope: Construct six main lanes and six lanes of frontage roads from FM 544 to the DNT.

Estimated completion of construction is December 2007.

18 SH 289/Preston Road (Main Street to US 380)

Scope: Construct a six-lane divided roadway, which will replace the existing two-lane asphalt roadway. TxDOT will pay for four lanes. The City of Frisco will pay for the construction of the two additional lanes. \$2 million of the City of Frisco's \$4.5 million participation in this project pays for the previous construction of Preston Road south of Main Street.

Currently, land is being acquired for the road widening.

19 Stonebrook Parkway (Legacy to Longhorn Trail)

Scope: Construct the northern two lanes with an underpass at the BNSF RR and a bridge at Stewart Creek. This will complete two lanes of an ultimate six-lane divided roadway and includes three lanes of the bridge. The bridge will be used for one lane in each direction until the southern lanes are constructed.

Estimated completion of design and permitting is June 2008.



This family helped pick up trash along Parkwood with other volunteers representing JC Penney.



In all, 331 registered volunteers helped 'Clean It and Green It', donating 872.5 hours valued at \$15,748. For the City of Frisco's Environmental Services Division, the annual citywide cleanup event is priceless!

A big GREEN thanks

Frisco's Green Team would like to thank everyone who helped to make the city's Earth Day programs "Chunk Your Junk" and "Clean It and Green It" a huge success. Frisco collected around 25,000 pounds of hazardous household waste and more than 10,000 pounds of electronic material. Special thanks to our sponsors Champion Waste, IKEA, Shades of Green, and the Texas Tornado and to all the volunteers.



Residents brought gently used clothing and household goods to donate to the Medina Children's Home.



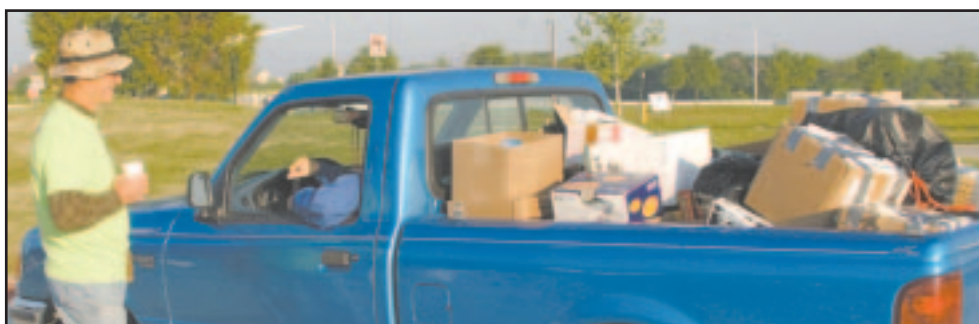
Ralph Saccomano, Hazardous Household Waste Coordinator, assists citizens as they 'chunk' their old computers.



'Chunk Your Junk' provided recycling and the safe, environmentally friendly disposal of household hazardous materials, such as paints and pesticides – to metal, wood and cardboard.



More than 500 residents showed up to "Chunk Your Junk", which was staged in the north parking lot of IKEA.



FPL presents the Writer's Garret Professor's Corner lecture series

Dr. AnaLouise Keating is presenting "Gloria Anzaldua's Poetry and Prose" during the next Writer's Garret Professor's Corner lecture. The lecture begins at 7 p.m., Thursday, May 24, in the Vivian Stark McCallum Room (L-401).

The library invites everyone to attend this free, fascinating, and enlightening literary treat. If you have questions or need more information about the lecture series, please call 972-292-5669, or e-mail askus@friscolibrary.com

Library hosts 'Undiscovered Talents of City Staff' arts, craft exhibit

The Frisco Public Library is pleased to host the "Undiscovered Talents of City Staff". The arts and crafts exhibit features an impressive variety of city employee talents with creative examples ranging from paintings and photographs to crochet, jewelry, and wood carving sculptures.

This artistic exhibit is free and open to the public from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m., Saturday, May 19 in the Vivian Stark McCallum Room (L-401) on the library's fourth floor.

Classic Readers discuss 'The Kite Runner'

Classic Readers book club will discuss "The Kite Runner" by Khaled Hosseini at 10 a.m., Wednesday, May 16 at the Frisco Senior Center. The senior center is located in Frisco Town Square at 6670 Moore St. Classic Readers is open to adults ages 50 and older and their spouses. The club meets the third Wednesday of each month.

Check the Book Discussion Groups section of the library web page at www.friscolibrary.com for the latest information.



Green Team Pets

Alex and Zander Doodle-Bean always remind their family to place the trash and recycling carts three feet apart from one another on collection day. Do you have a recycling helper at home? Take a picture of your pet helping to keep Frisco "clean and green" and they could win a GREEN TEAM pet surprise package and be featured in the Focal Point. Send photos to Jstarritt@friscotexas.gov. You can also mail photos to Environmental Pets at 11300 Research Rd., Frisco, TX 75034.



HOW TO REACH US

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Who knew that dogs could play hockey? Well, Rufus Recycles showed off his skills on mascot night at the Dr. Pepper StarCenter ice arena like a champion. It was a night of fun and laughs as Rufus spread the word on recycling and handed out prizes. He even had two assists on goals during the mascot hockey game and brought the Texas Tornado's Vortex down in an amazing save. Do I hear "rematch" anyone?

Bingo bonanza



Owen and JoAnne Siegrist, Harry and Wilma Mehryari, Ursula Young, Elaine and Bernie Weil, and Gerri Barron are just a few of the 70 seniors who enjoyed lunch and an afternoon of bingo at the Frisco Senior Center April 17. If you are 50 or older, stop by today, become a member, and meet some new friends! More information and the monthly activities can be found at friscofun.org. Just click on the Senior Adults option.

Strike back against stroke

BY RYAN WOLFORD

ASST. TO THE FIRE CHIEF/EMS COORDINATOR

May is national stroke awareness month. On average someone in the United States has a stroke about every 45 seconds. Every three to four minutes someone dies of a stroke.

When considered separately from other cardiovascular diseases, stroke ranks third among all causes of death behind heart disease and cancer.

The American Stroke Association encourages everyone to learn the warning signs of a stroke which include:

Sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the body

Sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding

Sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes

Sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination

Sudden, severe headache with no known cause

If you or someone with you has one or more of these signs, don't delay! Call 9-1-1 immediately.

Check the time so you will know when the first symptoms appeared. It is very important to take action right away. If given within three hours of the start of symptoms, a clot-busting drug could reduce long-term disability for the most common type of stroke.

Learn more about stroke symptoms by visiting www.strokeassociation.org.

STAYING
SAFE
FOR
YOUR
SUMMER



cookout

Cooking up juicy burgers and hot dogs is a summer tradition, but put safety first when you light up the barbeque. Remember you are dealing with live fire. According to the National Fire Protection Association, in 1999 alone, gas and charcoal grills caused 1,500 structure fires and 4,200 outdoor fires in or on home properties. The fires resulted in a combined direct property loss of \$29.8 million. Here are a few tips to make sure your barbeque is not memorable for all the wrong reasons.

- Position the grill well away from siding, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branch-

es. Also place the grill a safe distance from lawn games, play areas and foot traffic.

- Keep children and pets away from the grill area; declare a three-foot "safe zone" around the grill.

- Put out several long-handled grilling tools to give the chefs plenty of clearance from heat and flames when flipping burgers.

- Periodically remove grease or fat build-up in trays so they cannot be ignited by a hot grill.

- Keep flammable containers and lighters away from hot grills and never leave a hot grill unattended.

- Know where a fire extinguisher is

at all times.

The City of Frisco enforces an ordinance that prohibits the use of portable grills, barbecue pits and open flames for cooking foods in or within 10 feet of an apartment dwelling.

Please keep Frisco safe from fires by abiding with this ordinance and reporting the unlawful use of barbecue pits to the Frisco Emergency Communications Center by calling 972-292-6010. Dispatchers can then send a representative from the police department or fire marshal's office to address the situation.

PARKS

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Newman Park is located in the West Falls Village subdivision adjacent to Sparks Elementary School.

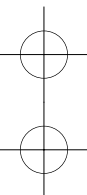
Limestone Quarry neighborhood park is located adjacent to Isbell Elementary School in southeast Frisco. This park features landscaping with several native grasses, plants and limestone blocks.

Amenities at Limestone Quarry include a picnic pavilion and a play structure. The trail around the perimeter of the park connects into the West Rowlett Creek trail, extending the Frisco's trails system.

Construction has also begun on five additional neighborhood parks. These parks include Foncine Settlement Park, Tuscany Meadows Park, Vivian Stark McCallum Park, Coyote Crossing Park and J.C. Grant Park. These parks have been master planned and are scheduled to be completed late this year.

Three additional neighborhood parks, identified as Griffin Parc Park, Panther Creek Park and Stonelake Estates Park, are scheduled to be master planned this summer with design and development happening into 2008. Citizens are encouraged to participate in the master plan process. Dates and times for public meetings will be announced in the coming weeks.

For more information on these parks, please visit our website at www.friscotexas.gov, or contact Dudley Raymond, Parks Planning & CIP Superintendent at 972-292-6502.





FRISCO FREEDOM FEST IS BACK WITH A BANG!

THIS YEAR IT WILL BE BIGGER AND BETTER THAN EVER AND YOU HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET YOUR TICKET BEFORE THEY GO ON SALE TO THE PUBLIC

Here's our July 4th line-up:

Starting at 4:00 pm

- Frisco Freedom Fest in front of City Hall starts it all off
- FC Dallas vs. Chivas USA @ Pizza Hut Park
- Clay Aiken & Symphony in Concert on the Pizza Hut Park Stage

The Metroplex's **LARGEST Fireworks Spectacular** organized by the famous Zambelli Family will blast off following the concert.

Special Pre-Sale for Frisco Residents

All residents of Frisco get the opportunity to buy tickets to the FC Dallas soccer game, Clay Aiken concert and have a seat in the stadium to listen to the music while enjoying the Metroplex's largest fireworks display prior to them going on sale to the public. Here's what you need to do:

Pre-Sale Window for you goes from
Friday April 27 10:00 am to May 3rd at 10:00 pm.

Go to www.friscofreedomfest.org

Tickets to get into Pizza Hut Park for the
FC Dallas game, concert and fireworks **start at just \$21**

